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Honorable Gilbert J. Anderson
Mayor of Kaukauna
P. O. Box 71
Kaukauna, Wisconsin 54130

Dear Mayor Anderson:

Please accept my apologies for my late response to our telephone conversation concerning the status of the solid waste landfill site operated by Mr. James Lehrer, Lehrer Sanitary Service, within the Town of Buchanan, Outagamie County, Wisconsin. You indicated that the Town of Buchanan plans to restrict the City of Kaukauna from disposing of its solid wastes at the site.

As you may know, Mr. Bruce Stevens, Engineer of our Green Bay District Office, conducted a field investigation of the site on February 10, 1970. It was concluded that the site was not being operated in conformance with the Wisconsin Solid Waste Disposal Standards, and that improvements would be required. It was also concluded that with adequate improvements, the site could be brought into conformance with the standards and that considerable acreage was available for future disposal purposes.

Section 60.72 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires that Mr. Lehrer must obtain a permit for the disposal operation from the Town of Buchanan. The Town can place any desired restrictions on the disposal operation, providing, of course, such requirements are at least as stringent as existing regulations. The Town may limit the amount of solid waste to be disposed of at a site within their area of jurisdiction or it can deny use of a site by other local governments.

It appears that the Town of Buchanan is entirely within its legal right to deny use of the Lehrer Sanitary Service landfill by the City of Kaukauna. Although this is a matter between the City and Town, we would, of course, be willing to mediate the situation with the Town to arrive at either a short term or long range solution to these mutual problems.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,
Division of Environmental Protection

Thomas G. Frangos
Administrator

cc: District 3